

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kenji Ootsu, et al.

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Title: Method of Processing End  
Portions of Optical Fibers and  
Optical Fibers Having Their  
End Portions Processed

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this divisional application, please cancel claims 14-16. Applicants submit the remaining claims 1-13 and 17 for examination. The dependency of some of the claims is amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. New claims are added to recover dependent claim combinations that are lost by the amendments.

In view of the amended claims submitted herein, the fees due are calculated as follows:

	<u>No. of Claims After Amendment</u>	<u>No. of Claims Already Paid For</u>	<u>Additional Claims</u>	<u>Additional Fee Due</u>
Basic Filing fee – Utility				770.00
Independent Claims:	3	0		
Total Claims:	41	0	21	378.00
Mult. Dep. Claims:				00
Assignment Recordation Fee:				40.00
Total Fee Due:				\$1,148.00

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